

(d) a hydraulic drive system for driving the ground engaging wheels of the frame, which drive system comprises:

(i) a source of pressurized fluid;
(ii) individual hydraulic drive motors operatively engaged to each of the ground engaging wheels of the frame; and

(iii) means for connecting the hydraulic motors to the source of pressurized fluid in the following manner:

the wheel drive motor(s) for the wheel(s) on the second end of the frame are connected in series to each other, to the fluid source, and to the wheel drive motors on the first end of the frame; and

the wheel drive motors on the first end of the frame ~~are connected to each other in parallel.~~

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~~21.~~ A vehicle as recited in claim ¹⁷~~26~~, wherein the turf maintenance vehicle comprises a grass mowing machine, and wherein the operating unit comprises a grass cutting unit.

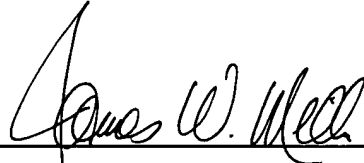
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~~28.~~ A vehicle as recited in claim ¹⁵~~26~~, wherein the first end of the frame is a front end of the frame, and the second end of the frame is a rear end of the frame, when the vehicle is travelling in a forward direction.--

Remarks

It is believed that the claims as presented are patentable over the prior art of record. The additional claims 20 - 28 are presented to more fully protect the Applicants' elected invention.

It is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and sent to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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